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SUBJECT: ISRAELI INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY

REF: TEL AVIV 5068

1. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH ALON, TO RESPOND
TO ISRAELI EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ASSOCIATION WITH
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA).

2. THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS SHOULD BE USED IN
EMBASSY'S RESPONSE TO ALON'S INQUIRIES:

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A. THE IEA IS AN OECD BODY AND IT HAS BEEN THE

POLITICAL JUDGMENT OF OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES THAT ADMISSION OF MEMBERS OR OBSERVERS FROM OUTSIDE THE ORGANIZATION IS GENERALLY NOT DESIRABLE. THE US IS CONVINCED THAT COUNTRIES WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIVE TO A REQUEST BY ISRAEL FOR ASSOCIATION WITH THE IEA AND THEREFORE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. US DOES NOT CONSIDER A CHANGE IN THIS POLICY EITHER FEASIBLE OR DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME.

B. THE UNITED STATES FULLY SUPPORTS ISRAEL'S INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO KEEP

ABREAST OF IEA ACTIVITY AND IS PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE DETAILED BRIEFINGS IN WASHINGTON AS GOI CONSIDERS DESIRABLE. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE KEEPING YOU INFORMED OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND TO RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF YOUR EXPERIENCE THROUGH OUR ONGOING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS FOR EMBASSY'S BACKGROUND: INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY, CONSISTING OF 19 MEMBER COUNTRIES, IS THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK THROUGH WHICH THE MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE THEIR COLLECTIVE DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL. TO DATE, IEA MEMBERS HAVE TAKEN SIGNIFICANT STEPS TO REDUCE THIS VULNERABILITY THROUGH:

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMERGENCY PROGRAM, INCLUDING OIL STOCKPILING BY ALL PARTICIPANTS, TO PROTECT MEMBERS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMBARGO. MEMBERS RECENTLY DECIDED TO RAISE THE EMERGENCY STOCK COMMITMENT TO 70 DAYS.

B. DEVELOPMENT OF A GENERAL OIL INFORMATION SYSTEM WHICH, TOGETHER WITH CONSULTATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES, INCREASES KNOWLEDGE OF THE OPERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL OIL MARKET;

C. ADOPTION OF A JOINT STRATEGY FOR OUR DIALOGUE WITH OIL PRODUCERS AND OTHER CONSUMERS IN THE ENERGY COMMISSION OF CIEC;
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D. ADOPTION IN JANUARY 1976 OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF LONG-TERM COOPERATION TO REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL. THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES FOR COORDINATION OF NATIONAL EFFORTS AND COOPERATIVE MEASURES IN CONSERVATION, ACCELERATED PRODUCTION OF NEW ENERGY AND R&D

E. IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY R&D, IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES

HAVE AGREED (1) TO FORMULATE A JOINT R&D STRATEGY AND MONITOR NATIONAL R&D EFFORTS AND (2) TO COOPERATE IN FIFTEEN PROJECT AREAS (HIGH TEMPERATURE REACTORS FOR PROCESS HEAT, SMALL SOLAR POWER SYSTEMS, GEOTHERMAL, WIND POWER, WAVE POWER, OCEAN THERMAL GRADIENTS, BIOMASS CONVERSION, COAL TECHNOLOGY, SOLAR ENERGY, RADIOACTIVE WASTE MATERIAL, CONTROLLED THERMONUCLEAR FUSION, PRODUCTION OF HYDROGEN FROM WATER, NUCLEAR SAFETY, WASTE HEAT UTILIZATION, AND ENERGY CONSERVATION) INCLUDING A JOINTLY FINANCED \$20 MILLION COAL COMBUSTION TEST FACILITY.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO REPORT ALON'S REACTION TO PARA
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